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Soldier Poet on Campus

By Annie Hays
Contributing Writer

On Nov. 17, Brian Turner held a poetry reading in TECO Hall about Iraq and the horrors of returning home. Turner gave the audience a lot to think on about current global issues.

The first poem Turner read was titled "Here, Bullet." This is the title of one of his poetry books, and it shocked the audience intohearing the cold, hard truth about the side of war people tend to forget: killing.

"'Here, Bullet' is my favorite poem by Brian. Every time I hear it I want to cry," said Alumni Brooke King, an Iraq War veteran.

Another poem by Turner was "The Inventory for the Year Spent Living with Bullets." The poem ended with a true story of what happened when Turner came back to the U.S and attended a rave.

"There was a rave in Seattle in an abandoned supermarket. I saw a guy dressed in an Energizer-Bunny suit and a six foot tall woman in a leather bustier pulling a man in a bikini bottom on a leash," said Turner.

Turner ended his bizarre account with questions for the audience to think about.

"Are these our people, our country? Are they that different from the people whose countries we invade? We breathe the same oxygen, but we can't even talk to these people, yet we have no problem putting their bodies in the earth," said Turner.

Turner also mentioned the high divorce rate in the American military and connected it to a poem about his time in Bosnia before he went to Iraq. The poem was about a soldier named Stoltman who had covered himself in diesel fuel.

"He'd been on fire for years. The divorce just sealed that," said Turner.

The poem "Katyusha Rockets" led into a discussion about what life is like for a soldier who has returned home from the way. The rockets were a metaphor for the veterans, and for many of them the war they fought in is still raging in their minds.

Turner expressed his concern for the rest of the American citizens as well.

"I worry about the memory and attention span of our country. Will we remember the war in forty years?" said Turned.

Another story Turn told was that he had once slept in a bed Dick Cheney had slept on while he was a sergeant staying at the Air Force Academy. While he slept on the bed, he thought about the theme of torture. He wrote the poem "Sleeping in Dick Cheney's Bed" to reflect his experience.

"Is it okay that we're a nation of torturers? And we sleep well? Is this okay?" said Turner.

After the reading, Turner opened up the floor for questions. Some asked if America had become like Iraq because all the recent shootings, violence and fear in society. Turner said America is like Iraq in some ways, but it's still not the same.

"We have fear, but it's not the 'will I run over a 500 pound bomb in my car today' fear. Baghdad is a very different kind of fear from what we know."

Turner closed the night with his thoughts on how returning soldiers are treated in America. When Turner returned home, all the government did for him was let him take a class on how to build a resume before he turned in all his military gear.

"We don't really welcome soldiers back," said Turner.

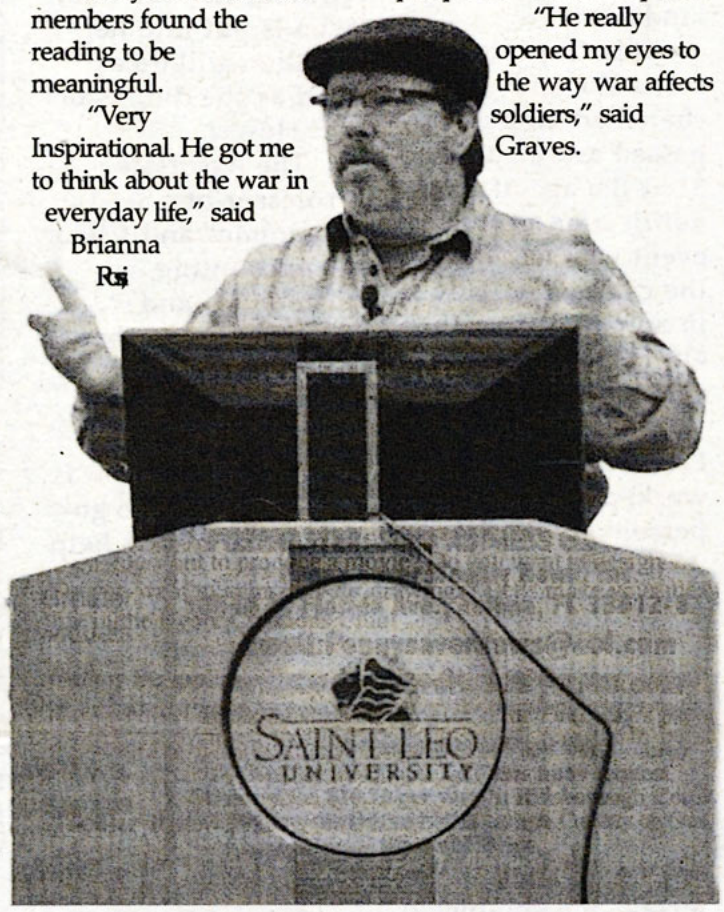
Many of the audience members found the reading to be meaningful.

"Very Inspirational. He got me to think about the war in everyday life," said Brianna Rus, a visiting high school student.

"I don't know any soldiers personally, and I never thought about their mental health," said Jamie Graves, a visiting high school student.

Brian Turner gave the audience a new perspective on the Iraq War.

"He really opened my eyes to the way war affects soldiers," said Graves.



Morning Program Moves All

By Amber Comfort
Contributing Writer

The morning program for Veterans Day opened in the Marion Bowman Activities Center and featured guest speaker, Winston Groom. Every branch of the military was represented, and various displays and presentations were shown. It was an incredible sight to see all the elderly veterans stand during the Parade of the Service Flags, as their branch was represented.

A great number of the veterans in attendance were from the Vietnam War; however, Murdoch Ford, a Marine from the Korean War, was present as well. Mr. Ford began his service in the Marines at only 15 years old. Now at 79, he lives in Zephyrhills with his wife. When the service flag for the Marines was presented, his wife said as she looked at her husband with watery eyes, "He is just so proud."

Dr. Kirk explained exactly how many military personnel represent the University. This includes personnel from seven states, numerous other stand-alone locations, and those from around the world participating in online courses. During the past academic year, the University alone enrolled 5,697 veterans as students and 4,886 active duty military and reservists.

"Educating those who serve helps define who we are as a university and community," said Dr. Kirk.

Dr. Kirk expressed how much theUniversity supports current and past service members and how great an honor it is for the University to be able to remember with these incredible people.

The student speaker for the morning program was Cadet Anthony Trick. Trick spoke about his service and how hard it was to communicate with his family and friends when he got back home. During this last year and a half in the ROTC program, Trick found solace in his brothers and sisters. He reminisces with them about past service, and they lean on each other for support.

"Without them, I am not sure I would have made it this far," said Cadet Trick.

The University's guest speaker was Winston Groom. Groom is the acclaimed author of the book "Forest Gump," which was later adapted into a movie. He served in Vietnam with the Fourth Infantry Division and was honorably discharged with the rank of captain.

Groom's accounts of the Vietnam War were often very humorous. His speaking personified the pain and loss all soldiers experience while protecting American freedoms, and the difficulties of returning to civilian life. Many laughs were associated with his speech.

The ceremony drew to a close with the Saint Leo Singers singing "God Bless the USA."

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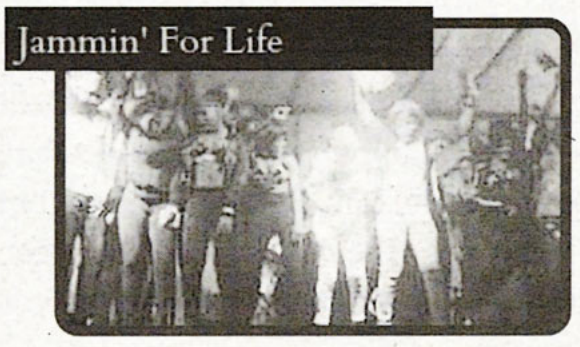

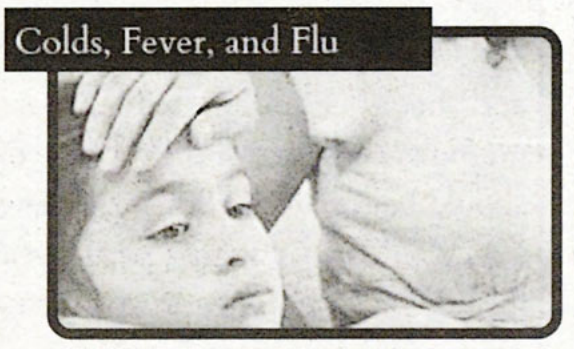

Campus News

Memorial Article for Anita Costa

By Kenna Dieffenwierth
Contributing Writer

Ms. Anita Costa, a program analyst with the Donald Tapia School of Business, was a valued member of the community here at the University. She was a motivating and cheerful woman who is remembered for her hard work and kind heart.

This respected coworker and cherished employee passed away on Oct. 31 at the age of 46. A notification of this sad event was sent out to the campus on Nov. 4 in an email from the Office of University Communications.

"Loyal to Saint Leo, dedicated her work, all around 'good person' are phrases which come close to describing her," said Dr. Barry Hoy, an associate professor and the chair of the Department of Administrative Studies.

Ms. Costa was born in Passaic, New Jersey. She completed her undergraduate degree in business at Ithaca College in New York and went on to work with that college following her graduation. Two years ago, she moved to Brooksville, Florida to be closer to her family and began working for the University.

"Anita was the administrative assistant (not her official title but functionally, that is what she did) for all of the Departmental Chairs in School of Business," said Dr. Hoy.

The department chairs in the Donald Tapia School of Business found Ms. Costa to be invaluable.

"I am at pains to think what I will do without her. No one who is put into her position will do as well as she did.," said Dr. Hoy.

The Associate Professor of Economics and Chair of Accounting, Economics and Finance, Dr. Barbara Caldwell, holds similar sentiments.

"She was a very kind person who was always willing to go the extra mile to help with whatever she was asked to do. Her dedication to her job made our jobs easier. She made a significant impact in a short period of time," said Dr. Caldwell.

On April 15 of this past year, she was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from Phi Beta Lambda. She also worked with Sigma Beta Delta and helped organize all of their dinner events.

According to her friends, Ms. Costa loved her cats. Especially her cat Buddy. She adopted her cats from the shelter in Brooksville. Now, her friends and coworkers are taking a memorial fund to raise money for the shelter in her honor.

She will always be remembered Anita Costa.

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She just bought her own home a year ago and was working on fixing it up with her father, Gene Costa. They were very close and enjoyed doing projects together. She loved having her own place with her cats.

She was also working to get her MBA and was about halfway finished with her program. She felt that getting her MBA in marketing would be useful in helping animal shelters and the underprivileged.

She was passionate about walking and encouraged her friends to join the walking group. She walked three times a day. Even when she was sick, she would message her walking buddies at the University telling them that she couldn't wait to get back to work and was excited to see everyone and walk with them again. According to two of her walking buddies and coworkers in Donald Tapia's School of Business, Kim Edwards and Cathe' Frahm, there is also a fund to purchase a brick for the walkway in front of the church on campus in her honor.

"We will see her brick and know that she's with us," said Frahm.

Her friends remember her as a motivating and caring person.

"[She was] very motivating, and at the funeral we met two of her very close friends from New Jersey, and they said the same thing. She always motivated them and checked in on them. And it's just a big loss because she was very special," said Edwards.

Anita Costa was a special and respected person who will be greatly missed by all of the faculty and students honored with knowing her.

"It is not for me to question divine intervention. But Anita had much unfinished business here. Her appointments in heaven must have been very urgent for her to be called there so early," said Dr. Hoy.

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Maggianos: Authentic Italian Hotspot

By Brianna Llewellyn
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Burrowed amongst skyscrapers and department stores in downtown Tampa's Westshore plaza, Maggiano's Little Italy was founded by Richard Melman and named after Marvin Magid in 1991. Richard Melman and Marvin Magid were business partners up until Marvin Magid passed away in 1987.

The restaurant is something that most people may look past, due to the surrounding stores and business places but once you get inside it's hard to forget. The inside of Maggiano's is something like royal dining room as if only the greats dined in such extravagance, except with many more place settings.

The dim lightings allows visitors to feel at ease upon arrival, enough to settle down a create business plans or get closer to a date.

To begin we ordered: Bruschetta, which is basically thinly sliced pieces of garlic toast topped with tomato, basil, and balsamic vinaigrette. Mozzarella Marinara, or mozzarella sticks, and Tomato Caprese which is essentially sliced tomatoes topped with fresh mozzarella and basil.

Photo Courtesy of Brianna Llewellyn

Tomato Caprese: So fresh, and a great way to cleanse the pallate before the main course.

For the main dishes we went with the Fettuccine Alfredo which is Fettuccine pasta topped with garlic and asiago cream sauce. Each noodle dripped with gooey Italian goodness and collaborated perfectly with the chicken parmesan. Baked Eggplant Parmesan: which is essentially thick slices of eggplant covered in breadcrumbs, baked and topped with provolone cheese, and marinara sauce, Chicken Parmesan which is breaded chicken, covered in provolone cheese, and topped with marinara sauce.

The chicken was some of the crispiest chicken I've ever had, all battered up, but still maintaining to seal in the juices of the meat. We also ordered the Beef tenderloin medallions served with garlic mashed potatoes in Portobello and balsamic cream sauce.

The aesthetics of the dishes were delightful, showcasing traditional Italian style cuisine. Each dish was large enough to share for a family of at least three people, or maybe even more.

Still there was one dish I wish had been prepared differently, the beef tenderloin. Most of the guests at my table loved it, but I felt it was undercooked. Still, overall I know a lot of people like their red meat medium rare.

For our dessert we went with a traditional style Tiramisu. Tiramisu is basically vanilla flavored lady finger cookies drenched in espresso and coffee liqueur layered with Mascarpone, sprinkled with cocoa powder and garnished with chocolate shavings. Each bite felt a little like heaven as each chocolate flake melted to create a rich chocolate layer on your tongue.

Just to push our limits we also ordered the NY style cheesecake, which almost never disappoints. Unlike some recipes, Maggiano's cheesecake was light on the stomach and definitely left room for more delicious sweets.

The service at the Maggiano's Little Italy is impeccable. The food is even better. Also it seemed to be authentically Italian, which is very rare in chain restaurants. However, Maggiano's is still very in touch with their Italian roots even when sitting in the heart of Tampa.

E-Books or No E-Books

By Craig Graves
Contributing Writer

We are living on the border of two different ages: the Age of Paper Books and the Age of Digital Media. This is not an exaggeration, the world is changing rapidly and that change includes more technology. Of all the things we read, it seems like most of it is online or through other electronic means. It is not a question of 'if,' but rather a question of 'when.' I'm a mixed bag about this.

We can find almost anything on the Internet, so shouldn't books be included in this?

Having libraries across the nation switch from physical books to electronic books, or e-books, would help them save on space. In the long run, it would be cheaper to replace an e-book instead of a physical book as people sometimes abuse and misplace checked-out library books.

There are a few down sides that I can see. The first is the initial cost to renovate/ upgrade the libraries with computers or other devices to read e-books with. Then there is the cost to maintain the machines should they break or otherwise malfunction. And then there is the question of what to do with all those physical books. The physical books should be donated to people who may need them, kept in the possession of the libraries for patrons who desire to read a physical book instead of the e-books, or recycled properly. I'd like to avoid destroying books as much as possible.

Overall, I think converting to e-books is a good idea. It makes it easier to carry a lot of books in one light weight device instead of trying to juggle them in your arms. Having e-books also makes taking notes on the text and marking sections easier, especially since I don't like to write in my physical books or dog-ear pages. Electronic books are also cheaper than most printed books, saving the cost of printing and making the books.

Don't get me wrong, I'm going to miss physical books. It won't be the same experience to read an e-book as it is to read a print book. Printed books have a certain homey smell that e-books just can't match. And e-books can't give me the gratification of seeing the thickness of the book I have yet to read diminish as I read.

Come forty years from now, I'll look at my shelves of physical books and smile at the nostalgia of them all. Then I'll sit on my lawn under a shade tree and read a holographic book about a boy wizard with a lightning bolt scar.

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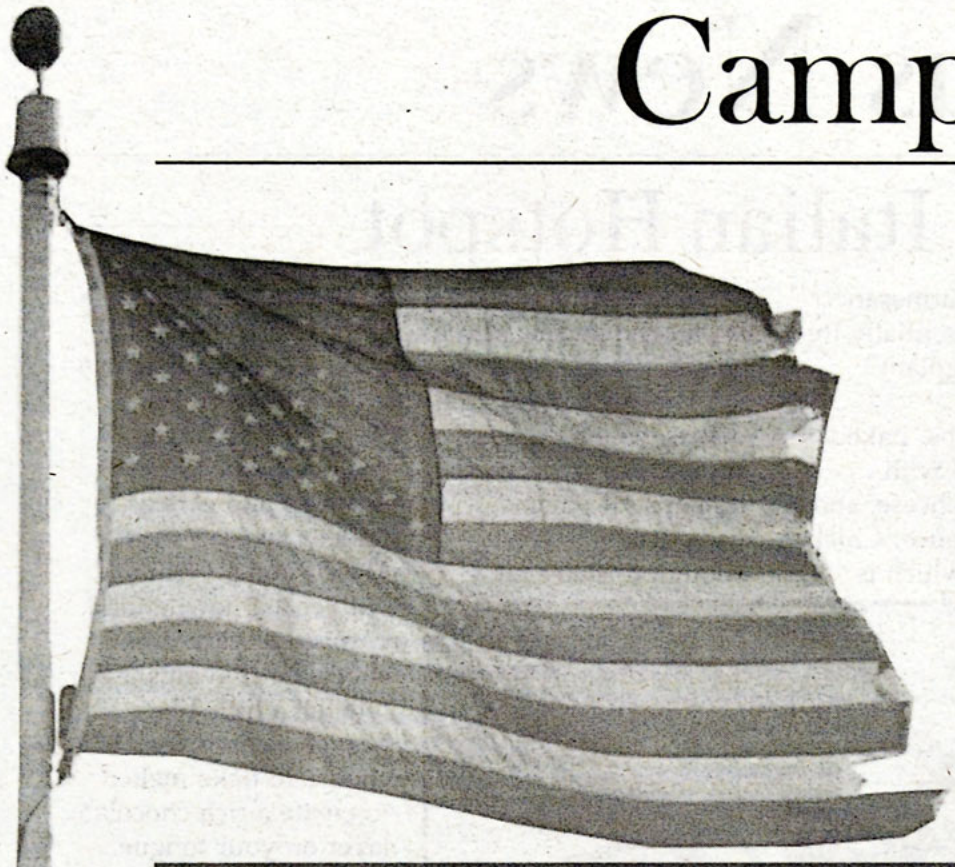

A fireworks spectacle ended the celebration.

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Cadet Trick speaking during the morning event.

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Top Left: Marine Corps - Murdoch Ford fought in the Korean War.

Top Right: Students packing food meals to be sent overseas to Africa.

Bottom Right: Students and faculty singing at Veterans Day.

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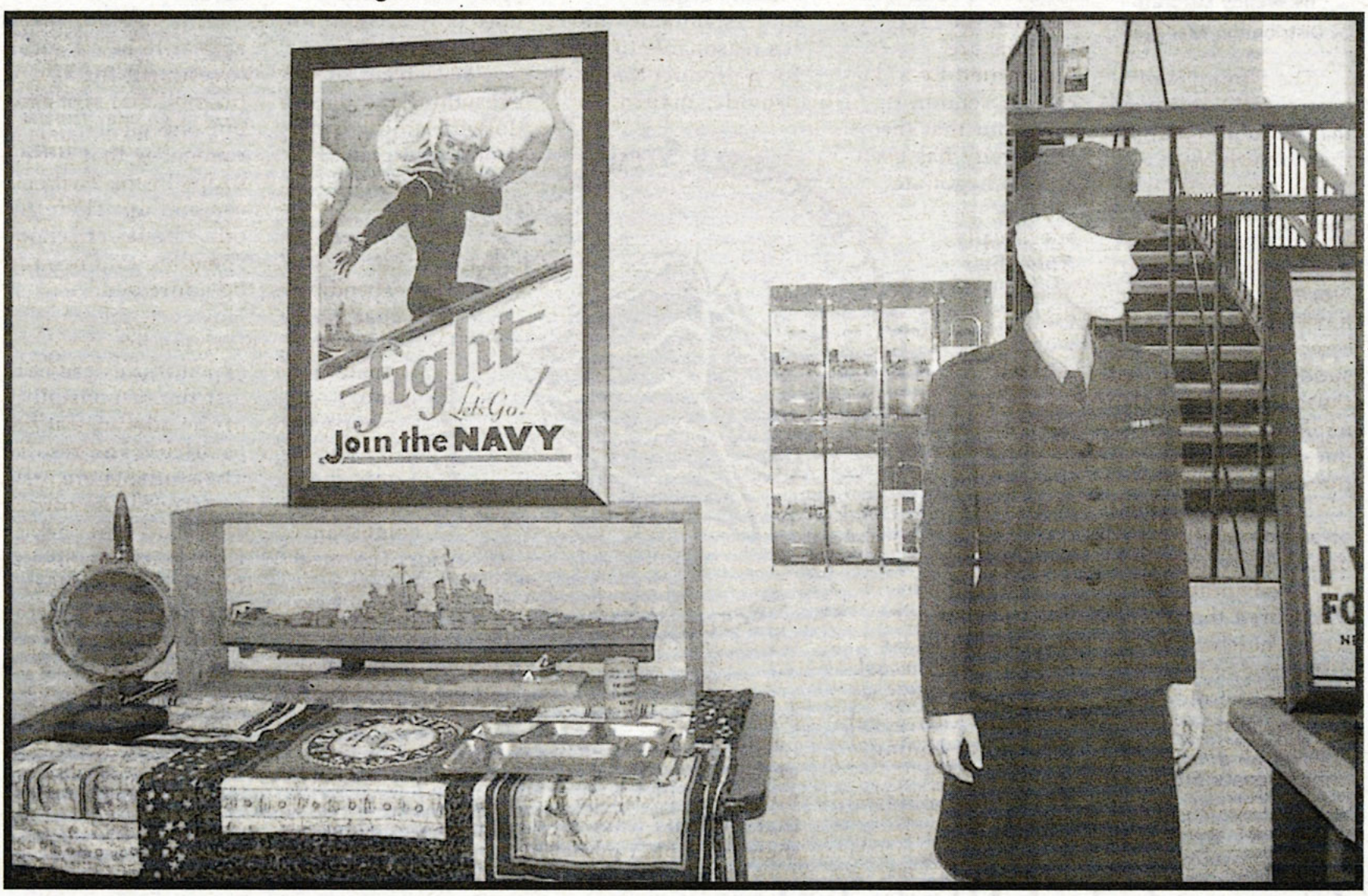
Veterans Day Celebration



Military collections available to see by the Dining Hall.

Photo taken by Dexomia Livia

Movers for Military: Donating to Veterans and Families

By Amber Comfort
Contributing Writer

The University joined efforts with local business organizations in a community outreach called Movers for Military for Veterans Day.

Movers for Military was a donation drive that collected items and gifts which are given to veterans who are currently homeless. The collection drive began Oct. 1 and continued through Nov. 8. Additional boxes were available on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, at the Marion Bowman Activities Center and the Student Community Center for members of the community.

There were six locations where donation boxes were delivered by ROTC cadets and strategically placed around the campus:

Donald R. Tapia School of Business Lobby

Marion Bowman Activities Center Lobby

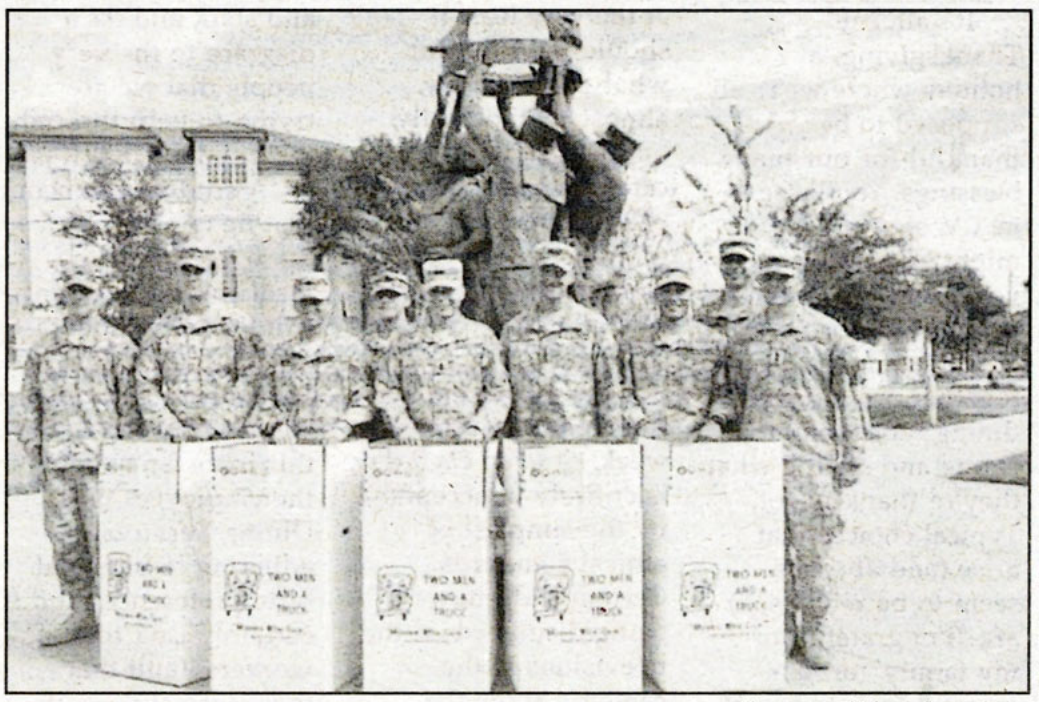
Student Activities Building Lobby

Student Community Center Building Lobby (upstairs outside Lion's Lair)

Student Community Center Building Dining Hall Lobby (downstairs)

Apartments 5 and 6 (fish tank lobby area)

The items collected were for homeless veterans and military families in crisis. These donations were picked up by Two Men and a Truck, which is a moving company that employs hundreds of veterans across its 240 plus franchise locations, and is committed in supporting the brave men and women who have all made the ultimate sacrifice. The company delivers to local veteran shelters. These items are to help the men and women living in veterans shelters live a little easier, and give them a small reminder that they are not forgotten.



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Items that were collected included:

* Personal products- soap, deodorant, and lotions
* Toilet paper, paper towels, and tissues
*Towels and washcloths
* Sheets, pillowcases, and blankets
* Gently-used men's and women's clothing

Additional novelty items asked for included TVs and DVD players.

Two Men and a Truck originally approached the University about its interest in being involved in this charity drive. Since the University is a military-supportive institution, there was no hesitation and the immediate response was "yes."

The company noticed the success of the charity drive.

"It was overwhelming support," said Eugenia Parlow, Sales and Marketing for Two Men and Truck.

Parlow was very moved and pleased with the University's efforts. She thanked the University for partnering with them and the Military Helping Hero's Program.

"We look forward to your support again next year," said Mrs. Parlow.

Up to Nov.8, roughly 1000 items were collected.

Editorial

Why the New Napkins?

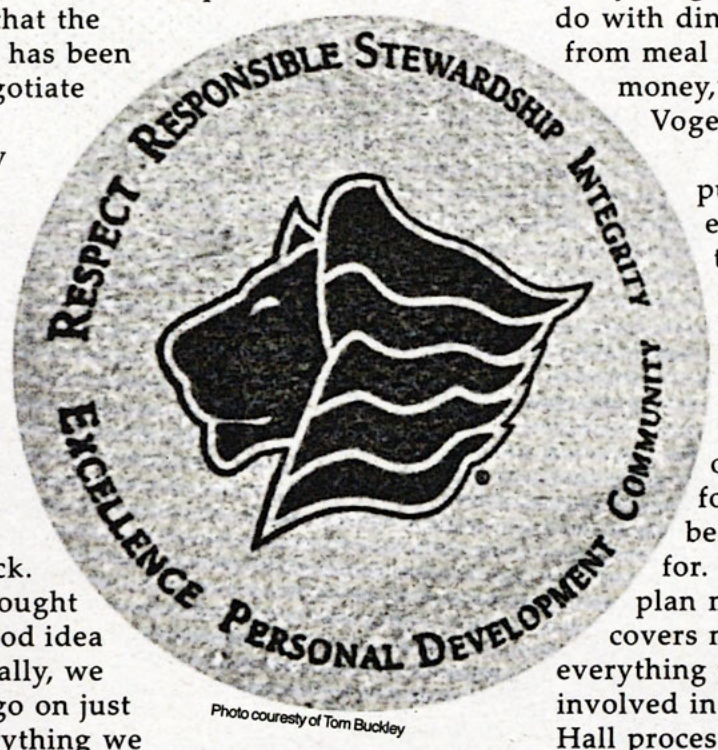
By Wendy Legorete
Distribution Manager

The Dining Hall has recently approved the decision to supply the cafeteria with a newly designed napkin that has the University's logo printed on each one. Not that students have claimed to be opposed to the sudden appearance of these lion be-speckled napkins, but the question is whether the napkins are a functional investment or a completely unnecessary item.

The Dining Hall discovered that there wasn't much of a difference of cost between the old napkins and logo napkins: a plain napkin costs around one-seventh of a cent while the logo-printed napkins costs one-ninth of a cent. And because the logo napkins are distributed by a certain vendor, it turns out that the University has been able to negotiate rebates specifically from their usage. In other words, with the use of the company's product, the University receives money back.

"We thought it was a good idea and, naturally, we put the logo on just about everything we can" said Rich Vogel, Director of Dining Services.

So the napkins are a method of promotion for visitors. That's understandable, and it's reasonable to pay for a product that will provide, in turn,



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reimbursements on particular objects. But perhaps this is just not one of the items that students want their meal plan money spent on, even if it does only account for a small amount.

"80 percent of everything that has to do with dining comes from meal plan money," said Vogel.

When putting the expenditures that derive from the meal plans into perspective, it's not only the food that is being paid for. The meal plan money covers most of everything that is involved in the Dining Hall processes, such as dish-washing detergent and the money for plates. The other 20 percent comes from Monarch Money, cash, or credit cards.

The napkins might appear to be a logical investment for a promotional strategy, but one must remember that little drops in the bucket can add up. There are other issues of school spending that need to be addressed. However, the University's expenditures are not just the responsibility of the administration to discuss and resolve. The students are just as accountable of what and how the University spends its funds. It is our duty as students to control our indifferent tendencies and realize that we play a much bigger part in the outcome of what happens more than one would believe.

Ungrateful Platefuls

By Wendy Legorete
Distribution Manager

It's almost Thanksgiving, a holiday where we're all supposed to be thankful for our many blessings. You'll see it in T.V. shows and you might even see it in your own home: the tradition is portrayed as the family sitting together around the dining table before eating and stating what they're thankful for. Typical choices that arise (and at times seem to be rehearsed) are "I'm grateful for my family" or "I'm grateful for our home" or maybe even "I'm grateful I was able to salvage the mashed potatoes (I'm never cooking again)." And, it appears that Thanksgiving is already being celebrated around the university with the appearance of canned food drives.

Warms the heart doesn't it—that the students and faculty are pitching in to help those without the means to sustain themselves. Truly, this is a "faith in humanity restored" moment...or at the very least it should be if not for what continuingly, almost methodically, happens in the cafeteria every day. Of course, this is a reference to the amount of food waste that is accumulating in the cafe.

The amount of food that goes to waste each week, or even each day, is entirely unacceptable by the simplest of ethical standards. Certain slideshows being displayed on the televisions in the cafeteria show the gross accumulation of waste in hundreds of pounds per week, and that in itself is shameful, but it is an entirely new experience to witness the conveyor belt carrying literally platefuls of food to be scraped into the garbage.

I saw a full plate of bacon, I saw barely-touched bowls of soup, and I saw half-eaten stir fry, just to name a few instances. This should not be happening, students and staff, and it's a disgrace to the very people that we are trying to help through the holidays that it is.

A student can claim that he or she discovered that the meal chosen does not suit the individual taste (among other things about the quality of Dining Hall food), but this issue isn't about the employees of Dining Services adhering to personal taste preferences and it certainly isn't the workers' fault that these wasteful habits continue to occur.

"We've done just about everything we can do without student participation," said Richard Vogel, Director of Dining Services.

A few years ago, the Dining Hall allowed the usage of trays instead of a person having to carry around individual plates. With the removal of said trays, food waste has been less and water (that was used to clean the trays) has been saved. The Dining Hall has also, in the past, put up a dry erase whiteboard above the conveyor belt that noted food waste so that the cafeteria-goers could witness the gravity of the effect of what they were doing.

The consequences of food waste are not just ethical, they're financial. When a piece of food gets wasted, that is literally throwing away the money that comes from meal plans. Contemplate on that for a moment—every half-eaten piece of fruit, biscuit, chicken breast, and cups of vegetables that are thrown out are dollars coming from what the students pay in the meal plan fees. This means that if everyone stopped wasting half of their plates, the meal plan charges would decrease. Imagine, a chance for a lowered tuition due to the will it takes to take a small portion size and finish it. This problem of food waste could be somewhat deterred by options Dining Services haven't considered (such as putting out trays with small samples of that day's menu's meals), but this issue is not just on them. The students' choices are what ultimately determines what does and does not occur at this university. We can't keep possessing this habitual indifferent attitude toward the Dining Hall: it's just not right. We're not only directly harming ourselves in the process, we're clearly harming others. What's the point of donating food to those in need if you're turning around and throwing it in the dumpster.

While in preparation for the Thanksgiving holidays and whilst eating in the cafeteria, remember that these wasteful actions directly affect the university and they most certainly affect our well-being.

Arts & Entertainment

The Science of Lightsabers

By Stephanie Holz
Staff Writer

Jedi unite! Science is one step closer to mastering the force as a team of researchers at MIT have created a new state of matter which can only be compared to the lightsaber.

Léd by Professor Mikhail Lukin, the team of researchers first began by firing a series of extraordinarily weakened lasers at a supercool cloud of rubidium atoms. The result was stunning as spectators witnessed the very first molecule of light emerge from the experiment.

"What we have done is created a special type of medium in which photons interact with each other so strongly that they begin to act as if they have mass, and they bind together to form molecules. It's not an in-apt analogy to compare this to light sabers. When these photons interact with each other, they push and deflect off one another," said Professor Lukin to the ScienceDaily.

Light is made of particles called photons. Such particles have no mass and do not react with one another, but the experiment made photons combine to form a molecule. This was accomplished thanks to the Rydberg Blockade, which states that when an atom is excited, atoms in close proximity cannot be exited to the same degree as the initial atom. As photons were passed through the cloud of ultra-cold rubidium, they would engage in a type of quantum tug of war, with the first photon towing the second behind it as nearby atoms acted as a wall, already excited with energy from the first particle.

"It was thought that these particles (photons) do not interact with each other. Anyone who has tried recreating the Star Wars light saber duels with flashlights knows that these beams of light pass straight through each other as if the other light beam wasn't there," said Dr. Shawn Weatherford, a physics professor at the University.

The possibility of light sabers is still in its experimental phases.

"This new discovery shows that photons can bind together and interact with each other. But don't expect this technology (light sabers) to be available anytime soon, since the effect has only been observed with ultra-cold rubidium atoms," said Lukin.

Students who have heard the news are optimistic about the future of technology.

"I'm excited about what else they will make next. The light saber is an amazing breakthrough, and I would not mind having one myself," said Senior Joseph Gonzalez.

"It's amazing! I've been a Star Wars fan for several years, so this really is a dream come true," said Senior Lauren Horne.

In the future, scientists are also hoping to crystallize light, making it tangible and applicable in novel technologies such as in supercomputers.

"As always, chemistry lights the way," said Dr. Jerome Williams, a chemistry professor at the University.

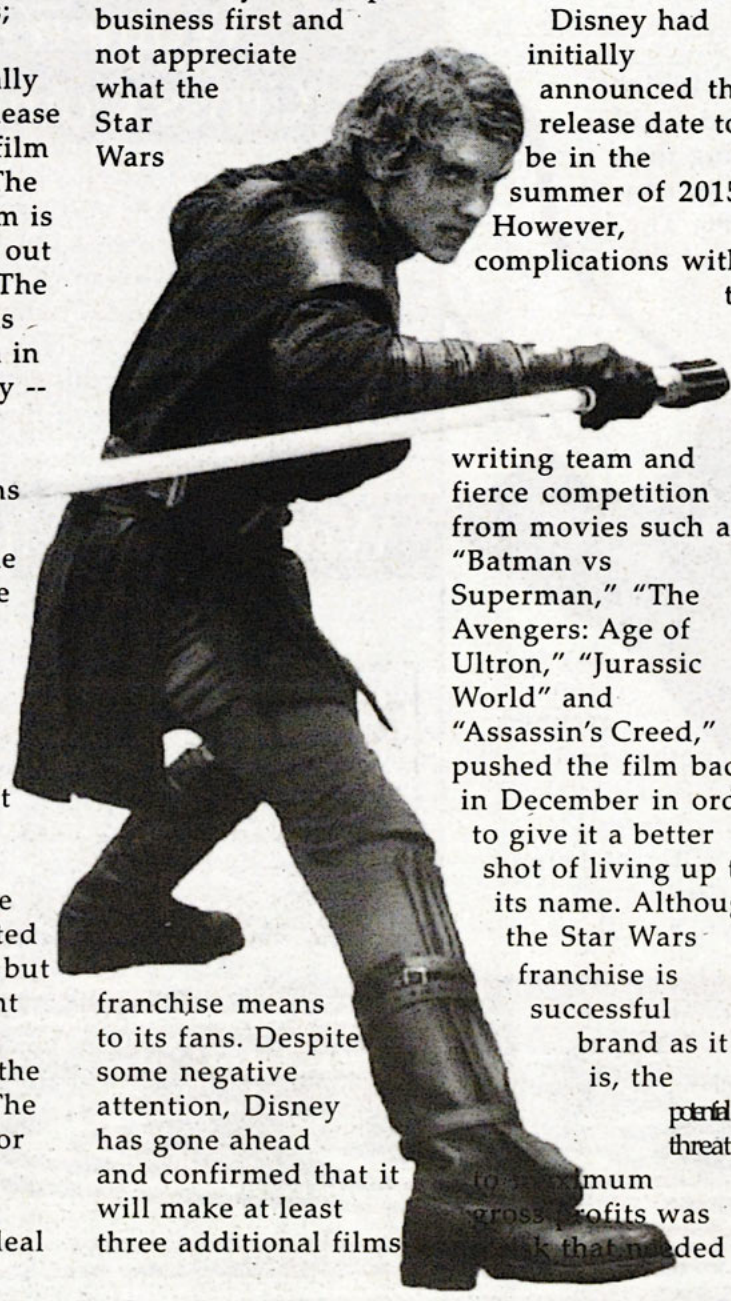
"Lightsabers are real. This is cool. Thwoom, dzzzt," said Senior Ravin Forde.

Star Wars Release Date Announced

By Jocelyne Hilary
Staff Writer

The wait is over for Star Wars fans; The Walt Disney Company has finally announced the release date for the next film in the franchise. The next Star Wars film is expected to come out on Dec. 18 2015. The Star Wars Saga has been a global icon in the movie industry -- inspiring cartoon series, toys, video games and millions of devoted fans. The last film of the original saga, "The Revenge of the Sith," was released in May 2009 and saw immense success worldwide, almost grossing $850 million. The original films were written and directed by George Lucas; but Disney had bought the rights to the company behind the saga, Lucasfilm. The rights were sold for an incredible $4 billion.

The business deal was a controversial topic among some fans, as many thought that Disney would put business first and not appreciate what the Star Wars franchise means to its fans. Despite some negative attention, Disney has gone ahead and confirmed that it will make at least three additional films and that they will keep the franchise as one of the most successful ever.



Disney had initially announced the release date to be in the summer of 2015. However, complications with the writing team and fierce competition from movies such as: "Batman vs Superman," "The Avengers: Age of Ultron," "Jurassic World" and "Assassin's Creed," pushed the film back in December in order to give it a better shot of living up to its name. Although the Star Wars franchise is successful brand as it is, the potential threat to [illegible]mum gross profits was [illegible]k that needed to be avoided.

The movie is expected to have a record-breaking number at its opening. Some movie enthusiast and critics have even expressed that it will probably outperform "Avatar's" performance on its opening week.

There are still questions surrounding whether or not the original cast from episodes IV-VI will make an appearance. With or without the original cast, the film has a lot of potential and many devoted fans seem to believe so too.

Star Wars enthusiast, Will Johansen, expressed his enthusiasm "I am so excited for the release of the new Star Wars installment. . . . J.J. Abrams is directing it so it's going to be pretty amazing."

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Sports

Basketball Staying Undefeated

By Michael Walker
Contributing Writer

This past Sunday, Saint Leo played an exciting game against the Shorter University Hawks here at the Marion Bowman Center. This speedy ball game marked the Lions' first home game. This game brought the Lion's overall record to 5-0.

The game started out just as it ended, fast –paced with quick passes. Georgia held strong for the first half of the game but not strong enough. The Lion's took a 10 point lead 44-34. Senior Jerrel Harris lead the game dropping 18 points in a 30 minute span. New to the team this year, Ron Foxx and Senior Spenser Mitchell contributed 13 solid points each helping out their team to achieve victory. Two other new team members this year, Marcus Dewberry and Devin Crisoto, were also major contributors to the game scoring 12 and 10 points consecutively.

Men's Soccer Season Comes to a Close

By Michael Walker
Contributing Writer

Men's soccer claimed its end to a great and monumental regular season. The game stayed tied even after a double overtime leading to a shootout. Each team sent four members to the PK circle to decide who will go on to face Rollins next Friday. The teams stayed tied 1-1 throughout 110 minutes of game time. Saint Leo was able to get one ball in the net during the shootout. When the members from the University of West Florida took the stage, they netted 3 of the four shots bringing the game to a 4-2 loss. These strong men finished out their regular season with a record of 13-2-2 and the title of Sunshine State Conference Champions. Their dedication to the team sets Saint Leo apart from other schools.

Men and Women Swim Team Lose a Close Battle

By Michael Walker
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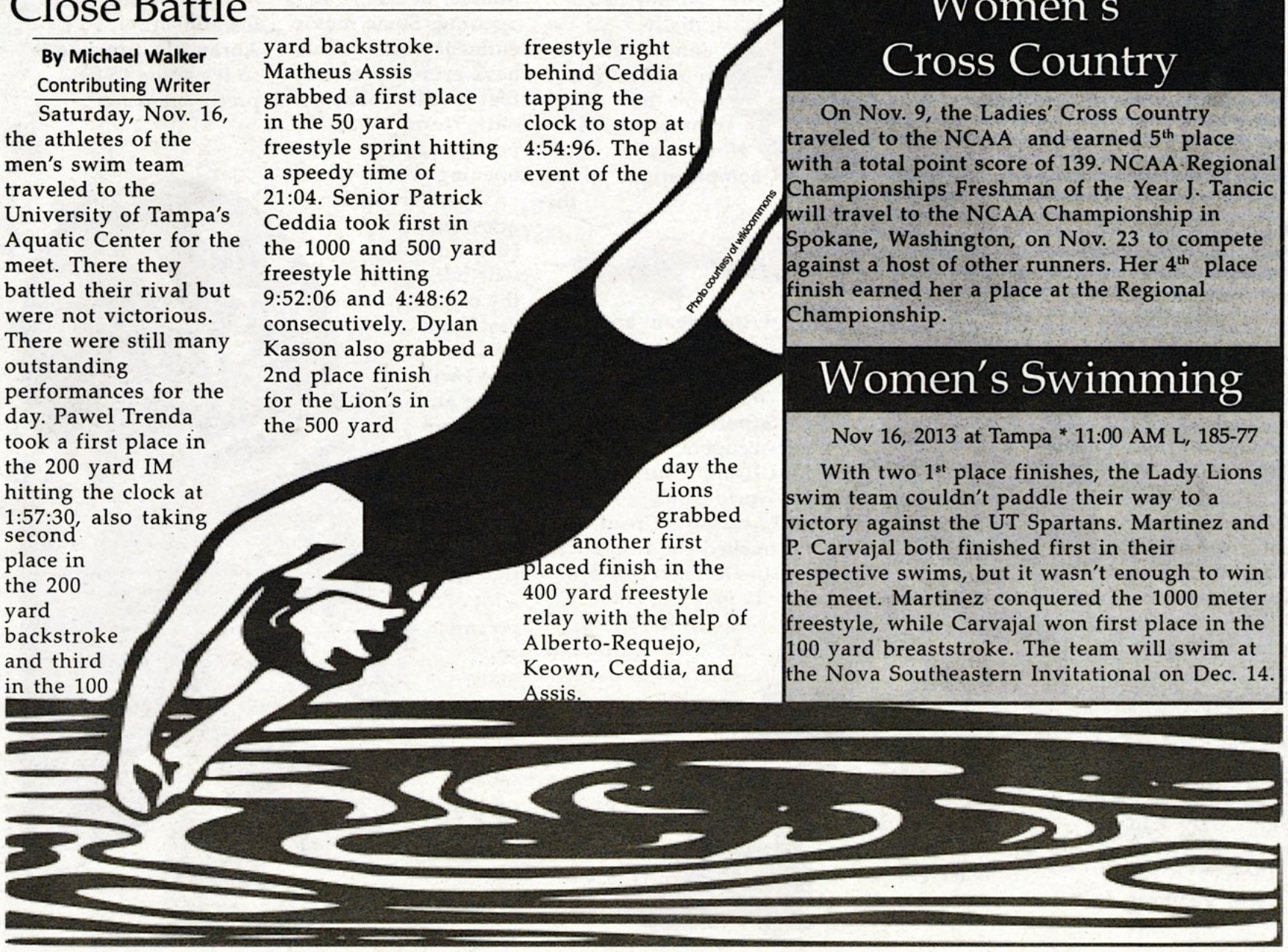
Saturday, Nov. 16, the athletes of the men's swim team traveled to the University of Tampa's Aquatic Center for the meet. There they battled their rival but were not victorious. There were still many outstanding performances for the day. Pawel Trenda took a first place in the 200 yard IM hitting the clock at 1:57:30, also taking second place in the 200 yard backstroke and third in the 100 yard backstroke. Matheus Assis grabbed a first place in the 50 yard freestyle sprint hitting a speedy time of 21:04. Senior Patrick Ceddia took first in the 1000 and 500 yard freestyle hitting 9:52:06 and 4:48:62 consecutively. Dylan Kasson also grabbed a 2nd place finish for the Lion's in the 500 yard freestyle right behind Ceddia tapping the clock to stop at 4:54:96. The last event of the day the Lions grabbed another first placed finish in the 400 yard freestyle relay with the help of Alberto-Requejo, Keown, Ceddia, and Assis.



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University Athletics

Women's Basketball

Overall	Pct.	Conf.	Pct.	Streak	Home	Away	Neutral
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Thu 14 St. Augustine's Saint Leo Classic W, 77-67 Final
Fri 15 Webber Int'l Saint Leo Classic W, 85-69 Final

The ladies Basketball team has won four games in a row. The ladies are playing well this season and are a thrill to watch. With Senior Manigrasso putting up an average 19 points per game and shooting over 50 percent from the field, her teammates C. Williams and C. Guzman are making this team a force to be reckoned with. Teammates Green and Williams are both leading with an average of 7 rebounds. The players are passing with pin point accuracy and keeping the opposing side guessing on their next move.

Women's Volleyball

Fri 15 Nova Southeastern * W, 3-0 Final
Sat 16 Lynn * Senior Night W, 3-0 Final

The Lady Lions are now coming off of a two game winning streak, crushing Nova and Lynn. The team seems to have shaken off the past couple of losses. The Lions are hitting their sets and blasting their completion with killer serves. The Lions are 21-9 for the year. They have played 30 matches, within that time, they have achieved: 14.04 kills per set, a hitting percentage of .258, defense is outstanding with 1.70 and their digs per set is at 14.90 percent.

Women's Cross Country

On Nov. 9, the Ladies' Cross Country traveled to the NCAA and earned 5th place with a total point score of 139. NCAA Regional Championships Freshman of the Year J. Tancic will travel to the NCAA Championship in Spokane, Washington, on Nov. 23 to compete against a host of other runners. Her 4th place finish earned her a place at the Regional Championship.

Women's Swimming

Nov 16, 2013 at Tampa * 11:00 AM L, 185-77

With two 1st place finishes, the Lady Lions swim team couldn't paddle their way to a victory against the UT Spartans. Martinez and P. Carvajal both finished first in their respective swims, but it wasn't enough to win the meet. Martinez conquered the 1000 meter freestyle, while Carvajal won first place in the 100 yard breaststroke. The team will swim at the Nova Southeastern Invitational on Dec. 14.